GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:163
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2006
INSTALLATION OF SEPARATE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM FOR NER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Computerised Reservation System has failed to provide uninterrupted service in the North Eastern Region (NER) due to operational problems in the system causing inaccessibility of existing data base located at Kolkata and other metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have received any proposal from the North East Frontier Railway for installation of a separate computerised system exclusively for NER with an additional data base at Guwahati;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 163 BY DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA TO BE ANSWERED ON 2.3.06 REGARDING INSTALLATION OF SEPARATE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM FOR NER.

(a) No Sir.

(b) to (c) Although satisfactory service is being provided to the North Eastern Region, Northeast Frontier Railway had moved a proposal for installation of a separate regional Passenger Reservation System (PRS) node at Guwahati, in February 2002, at a cost of Rs. 5.11 crore. It was not accepted for inclusion in the Works Programme 2002-03 on account of financial and administrative considerations.

(d) To respond quickly to changing demands of passenger reservation, and to move some of the system management functions to the Zonal Railways, a project for unification and upgradation of the ticketing networks and creation of zonal network hubs on all Zonal Railways, including Northeast Frontier Railway, has been included in the Budget proposals for 2006-07 at an overall cost of Rs. 29.47 crore.